



LIFE SAVED—Anne Marie Fitzgerald, 21 months, is home again after she had swallowed an undetermined number of aspirin tablets after she had swallowed an undetermined number of aspirin tablets. Press: Photo

## Triple Blood Exchange Saves Poisoned Tot's Life

A Torrance tot was recuperating at home today after physicians at Harbor General Hospital saved her life by the unusual process of changing her blood three times.

The life and death battle opened July 25 when Anne Fitzgerald, 21 months, swallowed an undetermined number of aspirin tablets which she pulled down from a tall bureau by an overhanging scarf.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fitzgerald, of 17008 Ermanita ave., took her to the family physician, who immediately had the little girl hospitalized.

When she arrived at Harbor General Hospital, Anne was livid and gasping for breath.

Instead of going through the usual treatment, doctors decided on the more radical method of exchanging her poisoned blood by transfusion.

Her blood was exchanged three times to rid it of the harmful chemicals which affected her kidneys and liver. Pediatricians stayed up with her all night, using five pints of blood in the process. Some of the blood was obtained through the Blood Bank and the rest contributed by relatives and friends.

It was the second time the blood exchange was used on the young patient. The first time it was done, was right after her birth because of a conflict in the Rh factor of her blood.

Service station manager, accused of embezzling in excess of \$2000 by changing pump calculators, was booked into Torrance city jail by an official of the oil company.

Held on theft charges was Robert Morris Freeman, 30, of 1608 1/2 W. 227th st., who was accused of jamming a screwdriver into the gas pump automatic calculator at that sales would not be registered.

John W. Mulzett, supervisor for the oil company, said that Freeman managed a station at 1518 Cabrillo ave., and that the discrepancies were discovered by checking the monthly inventory against the deliveries.

Mulzett said that at least 4200 gallons of gasoline were unaccounted for.

Speeder Gets Fine of \$100

A speeding motorist was slowed down by a \$100 fine Monday when he appeared before Municipal Judge Donald Armstrong.

Milton K. Sellers, 20, of 1304 W. 164th st., Gardena, was cited for driving his auto at 75 mph in a 25 mile zone on Crenshaw blvd. between 174th st. and Redondo Beach blvd.

School Board Adopts Record High Budget

A \$9,241,194 budget was adopted by the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday night after a public hearing. More than 85 per cent of the budget will go for employees' salaries.

Designed to provide for the education of some 23,800 local youngsters next fall, the budget is the largest in local school history. Enrollment is expected to be nearly 1900 higher than last year.

Teachers salaries and various instructional expenses will account for 67 per cent of the total. Other categories include operation of plants, 11 per cent; fixed charges, 4 per cent; capital outlay, 4 per cent; administration, 4 per cent; maintenance, 3 per cent; auxiliary services, 3 per cent; transportation, 2 per cent;

and food service and community service, each taking a fraction of 1 per cent.

The cost of educating each pupil for a year will be about \$357.28, considerably less than the average state cost. The new budget will require a tax increase of 20 cents, school officials estimate.

The exact tax rate will not be definite until final assessed valuation figures are definite, although the assessed valuation is expected to be more than \$178,000,000.

Another program on proposed incorporation of the Carson area will be held Sept. 8.

Plans for the proposed 1963 World's Fair in the Dominguez area, were outlined to the Carson Civic Retirement Association Monday at the Stephen White School.

Robert G. Monroe, a speaker for the sponsoring organization, said that the Torrance area is definitely eyed for the exposition to be patterned after the current Brussels fair.

# Seek Probe of Teacher 'Blackballing'

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# 'Politics' Charges Fly on Appointment of Officials

## No Spankings for Torrance School Children, Use Talks, Suspensions

Torrance school officials are somewhat dubious about a Grand Jury recommendation that teachers should be allowed to spank youngsters who get out of line.

"We don't lay hands on our kids, and never have," said Dr. Albert N. Posner, assistant superintendent.

He said that the district has always had a policy of counseling children with discipline problems, and in many cases, their parents, in order to solve individual problems.

The discussion usually has led to cooperation between the schools and the home, Dr. Posner pointed out.

He pointed out that parents of a child who has been spanked "could make it pretty sticky for us," under present laws.

"Every time a teacher has shaken up a youngster or tapped him on the back of the hand, the parents have complained that we were roughing him up," the educator said.

Dr. Posner pointed out that the district has the power to suspend a child for continued disobedience or relatively serious infractions such as smoking, or profanity and narcotics use and possession.

In extreme cases, the district can expel a student.

He pointed out that the Torrance schools have relatively few discipline problems and that expulsions are a rare exception.

## Officials Hit by Criticism

Charges of politics in city appointments, inefficiency by city officials, and alleged defective engineering in a sewer district, were hurled at a lengthy City Council meeting Tuesday.

Councilman Willys Blount protested the ouster of Jack White from the Airport Commission when his term ended July 1.

"I ask respectfully that a man be examined for his service to the city, and not political service to the mayor, when his term expires. I abhor his replacement."

A few minutes later, Isen snapped back that: "It is obvious to anyone that Mr. White was one of your political henchmen. The majority still rules in a Democracy. The mayor only nominates, the council majority approves the appointments."

Then turning to Councilman George Bradford, Isen said that council meetings can be conducted without "personalities."

"You get sarcastic with me, you'll get it right back. Anyone, including the public, can talk back to the mayor, that's part of Democracy," Bradford retorted, receiving audience applause.

Earlier in the meeting a proposal by Isen to lengthen the terms of Airport Commissioners from three to four years were approved, in line with recent action to cut Civil Service Commission terms from six to four years.

At the same time, the Council approved Bradford's proposal to create a five-member water commission to supervise and plan water department activities.

Tired of Mistakes

At one point during the sometimes stormy meeting, Bradford had announced he was tired of mistakes by city officials.

He was prompted to some stinging criticism by an airport hangar contract where specifications did not mention a starting or completion date. Nobody appeared to know who had prepared the specifications on which the bids were based.

"I'm no smarter than any official, but I'm sure there's something wrong in city management. I'm going to stand for one more faux pax, and then

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## Plans for Freeway Bid Aired

A warm-up meeting at which strategy for an appeal for immediate completion of the San Diego Freeway will be aired, has been set for Aug. 15 in El Segundo.

Councilman Nicholas O. Drake, who will head a delegation of representatives of 11 cities to Sacramento, said that a preliminary conference will be held to determine how to best present the freeway need.

The Inter-Cities Highway Committee will plug for the allocation before the State Highway Commission on Aug. 28.

Drake said the goal is to obtain funds for engineering and construction of the freeway segment between International Airport and the interchange at 190th st. with the Harbor Freeway.

The appeal for immediate action, in order to finish the vital artery in two to three years, was instituted in view of a federal fund allocation to the State.

PARADE ON VIDEO

Torrance's Rancho Days parade will be re-telvised Sunday from noon to 1 p.m. on Station KTTV, Channel 11.



PIONEER FLYER—Ted Flory, of 4211 W. 179th st., left, was named to the transportation committee for the OX5 annual convention this week in the Hotel Statler, by Jimmy Mattern, right, chairman. The OX5 Club of America has 5000 members, who all held their pilot's licenses before 1940. Many of them are early day flight pioneers.

## Romance Has Gone Out of Flying, Air Vet Says

Even at the relative young age of 45, Ted Flory can afford to take a nostalgic look into the past and come up with the flat statement that:

"Flying has lost most of its romance."

Flory, of 4211 W. 179th st., is a member of the select group of pioneer pilots who belong to the OX5 Club which opens its convention at the Hotel Statler, Los Angeles today. Only pilots licensed before 1940 can belong.

A veteran of three crashes and one bail-out during his barn storming days in a flying circus, Flory misses the open cockpit, the silk scarves and reckless adventure that was the standard equipment of the pilot of a by-gone era.

"In those days our instruments consisted of an oil gauge, which sometimes worked, a compass which sometimes worked and a tachometer, which sometimes worked," he recalled. "Now look at all those automatic instruments they have in airplanes."

Flory was 18 when he obtained free flying lessons in return for being a grease-monkey at a South Bend, Ind., flying school.

After he got his license he joined an aerial circus and performed stunts and took passengers for hire.

He crashed three times. "But if you could walk away from the wreck with nothing more than a broken nose, it didn't count," he shrugged.

Once he had to bail out when something went haywire with his plane at night and he couldn't see.

"I hit a telephone wire on the way down, and interrupted service for several hours," Flory remembered.

"We used to follow the railroad tracks because half the time

## Seek Help to Pass Street Light Petitions

A call for volunteers to circulate street lighting petitions, was put out this week by R. P. Hogue, president of the South West Park Homeowners Association.

Hogue said that residents whose streets have poles will pay 50 cents per month for energy, while those who want to install steel poles will pay an additional \$1.50 per month under a three-year assessment district.

Residents seeking additional information may call Hogue at FR 9-4390, or Glenn Rickard at FR 9-5369.

Sixty per cent of the property owners of a tract will have to sign the petitions to form a district.

## Parents Fight for Teacher

A group of parents are seeking an investigation of the alleged "blackballing" of a kindergarten teacher.

"We feel an injustice has been done," said Mrs. Rita Taylor, of 3927 W. 171st st., who appeared before the Torrance Board of Education Tuesday.

She and 23 other parents of children attending Evelyn Carr School, charge that Helen Browne, a kindergarten teacher is unable to obtain a job in another district because of poor references given her by Torrance school officials.

"She was a good teacher. I was shocked beyond belief when they let her go," said Mrs. Taylor.

Seek Probe

Mrs. Joseph Liberti, another parent, said that a letter is being sent to the county superintendent of schools and the State Department of Education, seeking a probe into the case.

The parents insist that they are acting on their own and have not been asked for help by Miss Brown.

The teacher submitted her resignation earlier this year after she was informed she would not be rehired for the coming year.

Poor References

Mrs. Liberti claims Miss Brown resigned under pressure. "She can't get another job because she apparently was given poor references."

At the board meeting Tuesday, the parents were told that the case is closed and that no further action will be taken.

The mothers deny that Miss Browne had discipline problems in her class, one of the asserted reasons for not rehiring her.

The parents have also given letters of references to Miss Browne, citing she is a good teacher.

## Bandits Nabbed Shortly After Station Holdup

Two of three bandits who held up a service station in Torrance early Wednesday morning, were captured by Inglewood police less than an hour later following a second holdup.

Chester Nelson, attendant at the station at 16200 Crenshaw blvd., said that one of the bandits guarded him in the restroom, while two others looted the register of \$150. They also took money and a ring from Nelson.

During the second holdup at 11th ave. and Century blvd., Inglewood, they were observed by another service station attendant who called police.

Two men, Arnold Islam Fitzgerald, and Joseph Lee Downes, both 18, and from Los Angeles were captured.

## Air Race to Feature Airport Day Celebration

Torrance's first Annual Airport Day will be held September 6 it was announced today by Co-Chairmen, J. D. Thomas and Jack Egan. Events are scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with no admission charge.

Highlighting the event, which is being sponsored by the Aviation Committee of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and the Torrance Airport Commission, will be a Handicap Trophy Dash for single engine planes from Torrance Airport to Palm Springs and return. Air Events Chairman, Joe Doss, said this will grow to one of the Southland's finest races due to its selective character.

Other events will include the appearance of three fine bands, Fort McArthur, March Air Force Base and the Torrance Area Youth Band. Several displays of military and civilian aircraft will be featured. The Nike Base will be open for public inspection as well as the new Ryan Aeronautical Plant which is now in production of the "Firebee" Drone.

A special luncheon for city officials and visiting dignitaries will be hosted by the Nike Base under Captain Daniel T. Mahoney, Commanding Officer.

Chamber President, Fred Mill, said efforts are being made to attract film personalities.

## Windfall Pay Hike Pondered

City employees may get a salary boost next January 1, if a "windfall" is received by the city.

At an informal meeting Monday, Councilmen learned that estimates of the city's assessed valuation might have been underestimated by as much as \$10,000,000. If this proves true, the city will have an additional \$175,000 to spend.

Councilmen have informally agreed to grant a two per cent salary hike to all city employees as of Jan. 1. If additional funds become available, and institute longevity pay to veteran employees on a retroactive basis to July 1.

Don Mansfield, acting city manager, said that final determination of the assessed valuation will not be made until Aug. 26, when the information is received from the county assessor's office.

Any action on pay increases and longevity pay, which benefits employees with at least five years service, will be shelved until that time, Mansfield said.

## Float Entry Assured by Rancho Funds

Torrance's entry in the 1959 Tournament of Roses Parade is assured, due to a successful Rancho Days Celebration, according to President Fred W. Mill of the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce.

Mill said that, although all receipts are not in, it appears that at least \$2000 has been raised toward the float. Last year's entry cost \$4700 and won third-place prize.

Councilman George Bradford is in charge of fund raising and Mrs. Victor E. Benstead, Jr., is chairman of the Decorating Committee. Both held similar posts last year.

## School Ready for Fall Term

Bonita Elementary School, 21929 Bonita st., will be ready for occupancy this fall, Los Angeles Board of Education officials announced today.

Another Torrance area school, Valdes Elementary, to be built on the east side of Vermont ave. at 210th st., will get under construction next month as result of the \$33,000,000 bond issue approved in June.

## Hopson's Panel Truck Gets New Owner Right Away

Sale of his panel truck proved to be an easy matter for James W. Hopson, of 2517 W. 154th st., Gardena.

After his classified ad appeared in the Torrance Press, he received a number of phone calls and was able to sell the vehicle before noon on the day the newspaper appeared.

He also got his asking price, \$200 from the 1950 model truck.

If you have something to sell, rent or buy, call a courteous Torrance Press ad-taker FA 8-2345 for quick results.